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<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION</u>

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 on page 32 of the specification with the following amended paragraph, wherein deleted material is indicated by strikethrough:

It will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art realize that methods involved in the present system for evaluating indexes may be embodied in a computer program product that includes a computer-usable medium. For example, a computer usable medium can include a readable memory device, such as a hard drive device, a CD-ROM, a DVD-ROM, or a computer diskette, having computer readable program code segments stored thereon. The computer readable medium can also include a communications or transmission medium, such as a bus or a communications link, either optical, wired, or wireless, having program code segments carried thereon as digital or analog data signals.